

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: **MASS GATHERING INTERFACE WITH** EMT, PARAMEDIC, HOSPITALS
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REFERENCE NO. 842

PURPOSE: To establish minimum guidelines for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) interface with event planners during mass gatherings and any Electronic Music Festival events.

To ensure that participants of mass gathering events have access to the appropriate level of care and to minimize the impact of mass gathering events on the local EMS system.

AUTHORITY: Health & Safety Code, Section 1797.220
Los Angeles County Code Title 7, Business Licenses, Chapter 7.16,
Ambulances

DEFINITIONS:

Electronic Music Festival: A dance party, also known as a Rave that features fast-paced, repetitive electronic music with accompanying light shows. Generally, attendees are a youth oriented subculture that blends art, music, and social ideas.

Mass Gathering: For the purpose of this policy, a mass gathering is an organized congregation or assembly of 5,000 or more people brought together for a specific event that is not of a recurring nature for the venue.

Recurring Events: Venue management that is used on a daily, weekly, monthly, or annual basis to manage the medical care of the attendees and has experience with the attendee demographics; for example, professional sporting events, church services, etc., and the historical Medical Usage Rate is established and less than two transported patients per 1,000 participants.

Jurisdictional Provider Agency: The local fire department is the jurisdictional provider agency.

Participant: Any person attending or working at the event who requests medical personnel to assist them or provide an initial evaluation of their condition or situation.

PRINCIPLE:

1. A Medical Action Plan (MAP) should be created for participants of every mass gathering event.

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REVISED:

SUPERSEDES:

APPROVED:


Director, EMS Agency


Medical Director, EMS Agency

POLICY:

- I. Responsibility of the Event Venue/Promoter
 - A. Notify the local fire department, participate in the permitting process, and review the event MAP with the jurisdictional fire department.
 - B. Utilize Los Angeles County licensed ambulance companies that have, at minimum, Automatic External Defibrillator capability.
- II. Responsibility of the Jurisdictional Provider Agency
 - A. Per the jurisdictional provider agency's procedure, review and approve the event permitting process and the Event Action Plan and Medical Action Plan.
 - B. Educate the event venue/promoter regarding licensed ambulance company capabilities and hospital resources.
 - C. Notify the Medical Alert Center (MAC) at 866-940-4401 of the event as soon as possible.
 - D. Assist with the coordination of the After Action Review/Report (AAR) for any event that meets the definition of Multiple Casualty Incident (MCI) as outlined in Reference No. 519, Management of Multiple Casualty Incidents.
- III. Responsibility of the Medical Alert Center
 - A. Notify the hospitals surrounding the event as soon as possible.
 - B. Assign personnel to staff the event command center upon request of the jurisdictional provider.
 - C. Poll area hospitals for emergency department capacity as needed.
 - D. Monitor the number of patient transports.
 - E. Open an MCI on the ReddiNet when the number of patients and types of illnesses/injuries are expected to exceed the capability of the nearest hospitals.
 - 1. Provide patient destination.
 - 2. Institute the use of Reference No. 806.1, Procedures Prior to Base Contact.
 - 3. Notify the Medical Officer and Administrator on Duty.
 - F. In accordance with Reference No. 519, Management of Multiple Casualty Incidents, the EMS Agency will develop an AAR summarizing the incident and final disposition of all patients.

- IV. Responsibility of the Paramedic and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
 - A. Paramedics shall be licensed by the State of California and accredited by Los Angeles County.
 - B. EMTs shall be certified by the State of California.
 - C. Paramedics and EMTs may assess participants and escort them to the first aid station, as appropriate and per the event's Medical Action Plan. This may include participants without evidence of head trauma or history of recent seizure and whose Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) is 14 or greater.
 - D. Following assessment, the participant may be transferred to the event physician on scene.
 - E. Once the event has been declared an MCI, the paramedics should take direction from the MAC for patient destination and treatment per Reference No. 806.1, Procedures Prior to Base Contact.
- V. Responsibility of the Event Medical Provider
 - A. Maintain a patient care log which includes patient information, chief complaint, treatment, disposition (and diagnosis if a physician is on site).
 - B. Submit the patient care log to the EMS Agency and the jurisdictional provider within 72 hours of the end of the event.
- VI. Responsibility of Contracted Physician at the Event
 - A. Be Board Certified in Emergency Medicine and familiar with the Paramedic and EMT scopes of practice.
 - B. Be familiar with the Los Angeles County prehospital care policies.
 - C. Maintain communication with the jurisdictional incident commander, event coordinator and other medical staff.

CROSS REFERENCES:

Prehospital Care Policy Manual:

Ref. No. 519, **Management of Multiple Casualty Incidents**

Ref. No. 806.1, **Procedures Prior to Base Contact Treatment Protocols**

Ref. No. 808, **Base Hospital Contact and Transport Criteria**